# **PROCEEDINGS**

THIRTY SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**Pearl Valley Association** 

HELD WITH

Oak Grove Church,

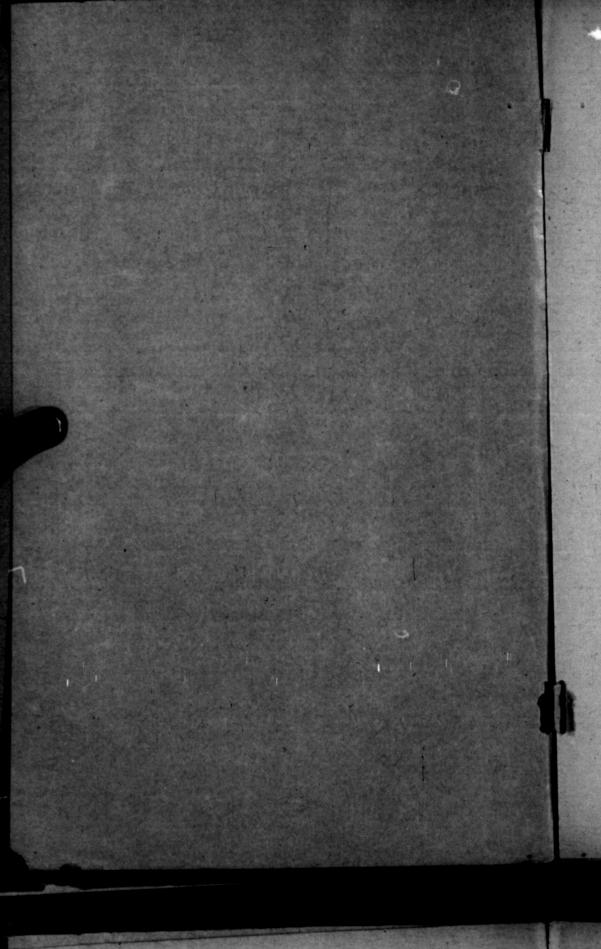
OCTOBER 8,-9,-10,-1921

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Laurel Hill Church

SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1922

Elder. E. L. Taylor, Moderator, J. S. Clark, Clerk and Treasurer.



Proceedings of the thirty sixth annual session of the Pearl Valley Association held with the Oak Grove Church October 8, 9, 10, 1921.

#### FIRST DAY SESSION

On Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1921 the Pearl Valley Association met at Oak Grove Church. The body assembled by singing. Prayer service was conducted by W. W. Spears. The introductory sermon was preached by E. L. Taylor, from the 4th chapter of John. For a text the 30th verse of the 19th chapter of John.

One hour was given for dinner, after which the body re-assembled by singing. Scripture lesson was given by the moderator from the last chapter of Cor. The Moderator announced the body ready for business and the following committees were appointed:

On reading R. A. Allen, W. E. Lane and E. P. Taylor; On Finance W. O. C. Taylor, J. Y. Wright and J. F. M. Winstead. The Moderator called the names of the churches and the clerk enrolled the names of the delegates as follows:

- 1 Remus, J. A. Neiman.
- 2 Pearl Valley, W. H. Walker, Jim Onzts, J. B. Jones and W. C. Marshall.
  - 3 Oak Grove, S. M. Massey and G. L. Taylor.
  - 4 County Line, N. T. Sikes and T. E. Coughlan.
- 5 East County Line, W. O. C. Taylor and E. L. Taylor.
  - 6 Mt. Ollive, A. T. Smith and H. C. Stephens.
- 7 Good Hope, H. R. Clark, J. R. Cannon and J. T. Clark.
  - 8 Hinze, E. A. Tollison and G. W. Hinze.
  - 9 New Harmony, W. W. Spears and M. L. Myers.

- Fellowship, Y. M. Edwards.
- White, I. J. Blocker and Jessy Burks.
- Mt. Pleasant, J. A. Hollis and J. Y. Wright. 12
- New Mars Hill, J. W. Dallas and T. B. Williams-13 ton.
  - 14 Union Ridge, F. Russell and Frank Bell.
  - Laurel Hill, J. K. Sistrunck. 15
  - Center Hill, J. F. M. Winstead and P. C. Jolly. 16
  - 17 Mars Hill, R. A. Allen and T. M. Gloolely.

As Union Ridge church asks for a letter of dismission from this body, by motion we grant her a letter of dismission.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters. None came. Called for corresponding messengers and W. L. Grafton and S. W. Rogers from the Winston County association, H. T. McLauren from the Newton County association, A. N. Thomas and W. L. Jones from Octib. beha County association and C. C. White from Neshoba County association were seated as messengers.

The Moderator gave them the right hand of fellowship

in behalf of the body.

By motion we elected Moderator and Clerk and Treasurer. E. L. Taylor was elected Moderator and J. S. Clark Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees Devotional Exercises, J. W. Jones, G. L. Taylor and J. T. Hill.

Queries and Requests, I. J. Blocker, N. T. Sikes and

J. K. Sistrunck.

State Mission, R. C. Barham and W. W. Spears. Home Mission, Jim W. Jones and H. T. McLaurin.

Foreign Mission, John W. Jones and N. T, Sikes. Orphans' Home, I. J. Blocker and S. W. Rogers. Publications, R. E. Clark and J. A. Neiman. Prohibition, S. M. Massey and J. B. Jones. Sunday School, E. P. Taylor and J. L. Russell. Education, W. L. Grafton and A. N. Thomas.

Obituaries, W. L. Jones, G. L. Taylor and J. T. Hill. Nominations, W. E. Hill and H. R. Clark.

The Moderator called for the report on Devotional Exercises which was read as follows: We your committee on devotional exercises beg to report as follows: Prayer meeting to be lead by J. A. Neimans at 10 o'clock a. m., address by J. E. Byrd at 11:00 a. m., mission sermon by John W. Jones at 11:15 a. m., and at 2:00 p. m, H. T. Mc-Laurin preach in the House and S. W. Rogers in the Grove.

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Humbly submitted, J. W. Jones, G. L. Taylor and J. T. Hill. By motion we adjourned to meet Monday at 8:30

#### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The body re-assembled by singing. Prayer service was conducted by J. A. Neimans after which J. E. Byrd not being present S, W. Rogers taken his place. The appointee John W. Jones preached the annual mission sermon from the 17th chapter of John, after which a collection was taken up for following purposes:

Eor State Mission	\$4.25
For Home Mission	6.75
For Foreign Mission	7.10
For Orphanage	3.64

### Total on Sunday \$21.74

One hour was given for dinner, after which the body re-assembled together by singing and prayer. Preaching by H. T. McLaurin. after which we adjourned till Monday.

### MONDAY MORNING SESSION

The body assembled together. Scriptural lesson was given by the Moderator and from Sec. Chapter of 1st Cor. The Moderator announced the body ready for business, Abstracts of Faith and Rules of Decorum was read by W. L. Jones. The Moderator called the names

of the Churches and 14 answered their call,

The Moderator appointed J. A. Neiman, S. M. Massy and W. E. Lane to arrange the 5th Sunday Board meeting for the next associational year.

# REPORT ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS

We your committee beg leave to report we find no Queries but find two Requests asking for the next association to be held with them, which is White Oak church and Laurel Hill church so we turn this over to the body. By motion of this body we send the next association to Laurel Hill church.

Humbly submitted, I. J. Blocker.

# REPORT ON STATE MISSION.

State Missions includes the work done in the bounds of the State which is the foundation of all great mission work and if our foundation is good and firm, all the structures built there will stand. Our work has been done through the general association. We are proud of the work that is being done. We are helping in the work for a part or entirely at eighteen points. Some places are entirely destitute, saw mill camps or saw mill towns. On account of dissatisfaction among the people many Churches which were once doing well and self sustaining are becoming destitute points. The old members are leaving their homes to new comers, and many of whom are not Christains. They need the gospel and we must give it to them or they will lead our children into error. The general association does a work among the Choctaw Indians. They have seven regular organized Churches and some mission stations, which we are helping to support. We would begour people to be more liberal in their offering to State Mission work, Let us see after our State and home work, for the saving of our homes and children

and to bring Joy to our Lord and Master and our Father in Heaven,

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Respectfully Submitted, R. C. Barham W. W. Spears.

# REPORT ON HOME MISSION.

The work of the Home Mission Board is largely cooperative in connection with various State mission agencies. Through this agency Southern Baptist make it possible for the strong to help the weak.

The Board has just closed the most remarkable year of its history, both in the amount of funds received and in the number of souls saved. There were 15,567 baptisms, 22,689 additions to the churches.

Among the Foreigners who have come to this country there were 2,157 baptisms; 3,208 additions to the churches In Cuba and Panama 178 additions to the churches and the contributions of the Native churches \$11,849.

The work of the Home Mission Board in the mountain schools is making great progress. Brethern let us do all in our power to bring our country to God, and may our people contribute to this great work, and pray for its success.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Jones, chairman
H. T. McLauren.

# REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION

We your committee on Foreign Mission report as follows: Our foreign mission fields today in China, Africa, South America, Italy and Mexico and new fields in Europe are being opened up as rapidly as possible, the number of Baptist in foreign fields the past year was 6,998 we have 611 churches, of which 187 or nearly one third are self supporting. 347 of them own their houses of worship. 405 foreign missionaries are now under appointment. 72 were sent out during the past year and 52 have

just sailed this past August. Bretheren let us support them with our prayers and means.

Humbly submitted, J. W. Jones N. T. Sikes.

# REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME

We rejoice in the good report from our Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., it is now in its 25th year and has cared for during this time about 1,000 children, many of whom have grown to manhood and womanhood and are now filling places of usefullness in homes of their own, many of them in offices, hospitals, machine shops, on the farm and in almost all vocations of life. We learn from our Superintendent that the health is fine, they have not had a death from sickness in four years. We also learn from our Superintendent that the Orphanage is in good financial condition. So we think the people should make a liberal offering for their support.

Humbly submitted, I. J. Blocker S. W. Rogers.

## REPORT ON PUBLICATION

If we are to set our minds on things above we have got to know the truth of God and watch the movements of the hosts of God as they seek to make the kingdoms of this world the kingdom of our Lord. The denominational papers are the field glasses through which we watch the worlds spirtual movements and discern how the battle goes.

The Baptist Record our own state paper for Baptists now has a circulation of 13,000 and should be read by every Baptist in the state. The Home and Foreign Field tells us of the work of our Missionaries in both the home and foreign lands. The Royal Service tells of the workings and gives the program for the womens' work. All of these should be in every home. For Sunday School

we recommend the Southern Baptist Literature.
By your committee,

R. E. Clark
J. A. Neimans.

# REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

We your committee on Prohibition report as follows:
The Baptist people of Christ Church are strong advocates of prohibition laws. We can look back for a half century and see woe and misery whiskey has caused in so many homes; we can look forward and see the great good prohibition laws have cone for our cause.

Humbly submitted, S. M. Massey J. B. Jones.

# REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We your committee on Sunday School report as follows: we notice there has been but very little interest manifested in Sunday School in the Pearl Valley association; we pray the members and pastor of each church that constitute the Pearl Valley association may realize the duty they owe to these churches and to the rising generation; we claim that parents have not done their duty in training their children to the knowledge of Christ, which can be obtained in Sunday School. Christ tells us to search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they that testify of me.

Humbly submitted,

E. P. Taylor
J. L. Russell.

# REPORT ON EDUCATION.

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A thorough Christian Education, based upon regeneration, will develope in the individual a beautiful, christian character. It will enlarge his outlook beyond self and selfish interest to the whole world, it will cause him to live as a creature of eternity.

The Mississippi Baptist have four colleges under their controll. Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss., the Mississippi Womons' College at Hattiesburg. Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain Miss., and Clark Memorial College at Newton, Miss. In Mississippi College last year there was 391 students 250 taking Bible and 95 ministerial. In the Womans' College there was 500 students 476 taking the Bible. In Blue Mountain 392, and in Clark College there were 120 students all taking Bible and 33 of them ministerial students.

Then, too we Baptist of the South own and conduct two Theological Seminaries, one at Louisville, Ky., and one at Fort Worth, Tex., two training schools for women one at Louisville, Ky., and one Fort Worth, Tex. and one Bible Institute at New Orleans. These schools are doing a splended work in training the called of God into the different services.

We commend these schools to our people firmly believing that from them will come a better type of men and women, whose faith in God will be unclouded, whose character is strengthened instead of weakened and whose lives are better fitted for a larger service.

Humbly sabmitted, W. L. Grafton A. N. Thomas.

# REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We your committee beg to report as follows: we find the death Angel has taken from our midst our beloved; Sister Anna Stuart, from Pearl Valley church, Sister Alice Thompson, from County church, Bro. Joe Bowman, Bro. G. F. Hoby and Sister Mary Bowman, from Mars Hill church, Bro. W. H. C. Pettis from Center Hill church, Bro. Delbert Ryals from Union Ridge church, Sister Alm Wells from New Mars Hill, and one not named

from Mt. Pleasant. Let us know that God doeth all thnigs well and what is earthly loss is heavenly gain.

Humbly submitted,

J. B. Jones, G. L. Taylor, J. T. Hill.

# REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

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rch, med We, your committee on Nominations, report as follows: That W. W. Spears preach the next introductory sermon and J. L. Russell his alternate. James W. Jones preach the next annual Mission sermon and E. L. Taylor his alternate.

We recommend the following delegates to the Executive Board:

Remus, J. A. Neimans. Pearl Valley, J. T. Darby. Mt. Pleasant, J. Y. Wright. White, Jessie Burks. Oak Grove, S. M. Massey. County Line, T. E. Coghlin. East County Line, John Akins. Mt. Oilive, A. T. Smith. Good Hope, H. R. Clark. Hinze, G. W. Hinze. New Harmony, M. L. Myers. Fellowship, Y. M. Edwards. New Mars Hill, Holly Blount. Laurel Hill, Burse Allen. Center Hill, Frank Winstead. Mars Hill, Robert Allen.

Humbly submitted, W. E. Lane. H. R. Hill.

REPORT ON FIFTH SUNDAY BOARD MEETING.

We your committee report as follows: That the

first meeting of this Board is to be held at Good Hope church, the introductory sermon by J. L. Russell and J. B. Jones his alternate. Program for discussion. Who are the two witnesses spoke of in Rev. 11 3? Lead by R. C. Barham. Collection for State Mission.

Second meeting of the Board to be held with White Oak church on the 29th of January. Introductory sermon by Jim W. Jones. W. W. Spears his alternate. Program for discussion: What place has Baptism in a christian life? Lead by John W. Jones Collection for Home Mission.

Third meeting of the Boaad to be held with Center Hill church the 30th of April. Introductory sermon by A. N. Thomas and Y. M. Edwards his alternate. Program for discussion: What is the duty of a young convert to prepare his life for Christ's service? Lead by S. M. Massey. Collection for Foreign Mission.

Fourth meeting of the Board to be held with Mars Hill church in Leake County, July 30th. Introductory sermon by I. J. Blocker and J. A. Neiman his alternate. Program for discussion: What is the place in Sunday School life and what kind of teachers ought we have in Sunday School? Lead by J. A. Neimans. Collection for Orphans' Home.

Humbly submitted, W. E. Lane, J. A. Neiman. S. M. Massey.

# REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, the Pearl Valley Association ex tend our heart felt thanks to the good people around-Oak Grove church and community for their kindness during our stay with them.

Resolved, That this body send Bro. E. L. Taylor as a delegate from this body to the General Association and carry the money that goes to the General Association for State Mission, Home Mission and Foreign Mission, which is \$56.42 and by motion we pay his expences. By

motion, J. S. Clark sends the money for the Orphans Home to J. R. Carter, at Jackson, Miss., which is \$16.89.

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

Resolved that no Brother shall be Moderator longer than two years at one time.

Minutes were read and adopted.

By motion we adjourned to meet at Laurel Hill Church, Saturday before second Sunday in October 1922. Rev. E. L. Taylor, Moderator,

J. S. Clark, Clerk and Treasurer.

# ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. L. Taylor, McCool, R. 5

E. H. Watts, Ethel, R. 3

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A. N. Thomas, Philadelphia, R. 4

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J. B. Jones, Plattsburg, R. 2

R. C. Barham, Dixon, R. 1

N. T. Sikes, Neshoba, R. 1

F. L. Russell, Plattsburg, R. 2

Y. M. Edwards, Philadelphia, R, 5

I, J. Blocker, Edinburg, R. 2

W. W. Spears, Philadelphia, R. 8

R. A. Allen, Edinburg, R. 2

H. H. Wright

# LICENTIATES.

J. A. Neiman, Marydell, R. 1

S. M. Massey, Plattsburg, R. 2

T. M. Rushing, Edinburg, R. 2 Henry Saveil

# ABSTRACTS OF FAITH---PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our Faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of unity among churches of the same Faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles to wit:

1 We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power

2 We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaand glory. ment were given by the inspiration of God, and are only

true rules of faith and practice.

3 We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity, in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature consequently the Scriptual doctrine of the total depravity of human nature and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4 We believe that God hath loved his people with an veverlasting love, that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a And being justified along holy and effectual calling. through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5 We believe there is one mediator between God and man-that man Christ Jesus-who by the satisfaction He made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood become the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and has required all men to repent and obey.

7 We believe the Gospel is made effectual by the op-

eration of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner in order to

be saved, must be born again.

8 We believe that good works are the truits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9 We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the

punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

### GOSPEL ORDER.

I. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have been baptized upon a profession of Faith, and who have given themselves to the Lord and one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly decipline, agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and law giver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege

of each member thereof.

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3 We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until the second coming.

4 We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by imposition of hands by a presbetry of regular Baptist minister.

5 We believe that immersion only is baptism and that

believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6 We believe that none but regular baptised church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7 We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make public profession of Faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8 We believe it to be the duty of every church to ex-

pel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

### OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION

1 This association ecknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and controll its own affairs, and, therefore, this association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing her body; but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine or tolerate immoral practices.

2 The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches and to remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and in general, advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom

in any way they may deem practicable.

3 With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church or individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and the dictates of their own conscience, and this right shall never be called in question in this association and any motion whereby this right is questioned shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

- 4 This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same Faith.
- 5 Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not have the privilege of voting.
- 6 The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7 The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8 The Association shall keep a record of their pro-

ceeding and have them printed when necessary.

9 The Association shall have a fund and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all money which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10 The Association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they

may think expedient

#### RULES OF DECORUM.

1 This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Pearl Valley Baptist Association.

2 Such delegates shall be members in good standing and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3 They shall produce letters certifying to their appointment by their respective churches, stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceeding associational year, with the total number in fellowship and such other statistical matter as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places; if present at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office discharge the duties ordinarily incident to these offices.

5 If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, if othodox and orderly, shall be received and the Moderator

shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6 Every church shall be allowed two delegates until her number shall exceed one hundred; three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty then four and no more.

7 This Association shall neither answer nor debate any question on gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8 Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing if required by a member, and shall be considered by the Association except it be withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9 Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on the

Minutes, unless ordered at that time.

10 If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken on each point separately.

11 Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12 No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of

13 The Moderator shall have the privilege of speak-

ing on any question to the body.

14 The moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, wnich shall be decided without debate.

15 A majority of the members present shall be neces-In case of a tie the sary to carry any proposition. Moderator shall cast the deciding vote.

16 Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator,

subject to the approval of the Association.

17 There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18 No brother shall finally depart from the Association

without leave of the body.

· 19 The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over when necessary.

20 The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21 A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the Minutes.

The Association shall be opened with prayer. 22

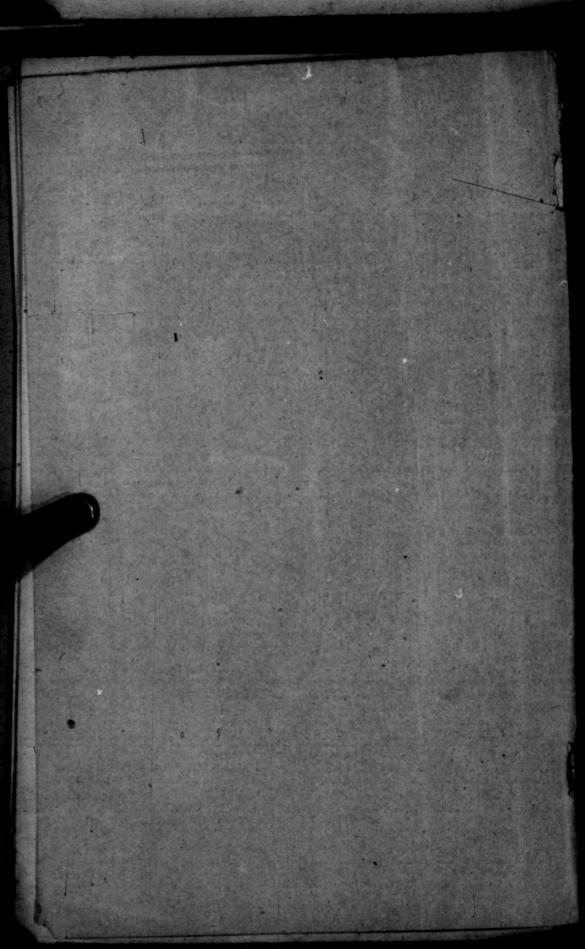
The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on the second day.

24 The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the Asso-

ciation, by a majority of the Association.

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# **PROCEEDINGS**

Of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the Pearl Valley Association, Held With Mineral Spring Church, October 13, 14 and 15, 1923.

#### FIRST DAY SESSION

On Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1923, the Pearl Valley Baptist Association met at Mineral Spring Church.

The body was assembled together by singing "Amazing Grace;" prayer by E. L. Taylor. The introductory sermon was preached by Y. M. Edwards. Lesson read in our hearing was the fourteenth chapter of St. John.

One hour was given for dinner after which the body assembled together by singing. Scripture lesson was given by the Moderator from the second chapter of First Corinthians; prayer led by J. R. Davis. The Moderator announced the body ready for business and appointed the following committees:

E. A. Tollison and J. C. Taylor as reading clerks, and W. E. Lane,

W. J. Taylor and W. L. Sims on the finance committee.

The Moderator called the names of each Church and the Clerk enrolled the name of each Church and Delegates as follows:

1. Remus-W. H. Whinery and E. C. Pope.

2. Oak Grove-W. E. Lane.

- 3. County Line-R. C. Barham and S. J. Coghlan.
- 4. Mt. Olive-H. C. Stephens and L. P. Beakham.
- 5. Hinze-E. A. Tollison and H. O. Hinze.
- 6. Good Hope-H. R. Clark and J. R. Cannon.
- Fellowship—Y. M. Edwards.
- 8. Mt. Pleasant-J. R. McGee.
- 9. Laurel Hill-G. M. Wilcher and Lea Carter.
- 10. East County Line-W. J. Taylor and H. L. Burchfield.
- 11. Mineral Spring-J. M. Barfield and J. P. Hodge.
- 12. Mars' Hill-W. T. Sharp and F. M. Goolsby.

13. White Oak was only represented by letter, and also asked for a letter of dismission. By motion of this body it was granted.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters. None came. Call for corresponding messengers, and by motion, T. J. Fowler, J. R. Davis, and W. J. Whiten were seated as messengers from the Kosciusko Association, and the Moderator gave them the right hand of fellowship

in behalf of the body. By motion of this body we rescind the resolu-tion whereas the Moderator was only allowed to be seated two years at one-time, and elect whom the body deems necessary at any associational meeting.

By motion, we elect our Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, and E. L. Taylor was elected Moderator, and J. S. Clark, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises-J. M. Barfield, J. P. Hodge, F. M. Golds-

On Queries and Requests-Willie Whinery, R. C. Barham and N. T. Sikes.

On State Missions—H. R. Clark and J. R. Cannon.
On Home Missions—W. T. Sharp, Y. M. Edwards and C. C. White. On Foreign Missions—R. C. Barham, N. T. Sikes and T. J. Fowler.
On Orphans' Home—J. R. Davis, C. C. White and Y. M. Edwards.
On Publication—C. A. Jennings, H. R. Clark and J. R. Davis.
On Prohibition—T. J. Fowler, C. A. Jennings and N. T. Sikes.
On Education—W. E. Lane and T. J. Fowler.

On Sunday School-E. C. Pope and R. C. Barham. On Obituary-W. H. Whinery and S. J. Coghlan.

On Nomination-W. T. Sharp, H. R. Clark and H. L. Burchfield.

Call for report of Committee on Devotional Exercises.

#### Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises,

We, your Committee on Devotional Exercises, report that C. A. Jennings conduct the prayer service at 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning, and R. C. Barham preach at 11:00 o'clock, and T. J. Fowler preach at 2:00 o'clock.

Humbly submitted.

J. M. BARFIELD.

J. P. HODGE.

T. M. GOLDSBY, Committee.

### SECOND DAY SESSION—SUNDAY

The body assembled together by singing. Prayer service was conducted by C. A. Jennings from the sixth chapter of Ephesians, after which the annual mission sermon was preached by R. C. Barham from the first chapter of Romans, text, 15-16th verse, after which the Moderator took up a collection for the following purposes:

For Association Funds	
Fo rState Missions	3.45
For Home Missions	1.74
For Foreign Missions	5.10
For Orphans' Home	1.76 3.05
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We adjourned one hour for refreshments, after which the body reassembled for the afternoon service. Preaching by T. J. Fowler from Daniel, second chapter, 44th verse, then we were dismissed until Monday.

### MONDAY MORNING SESSION

The body assembled together by singing "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood," led by W. E. Lane. Scriptural lesson was given by the Moderator from the thirty-fourth Psalms, then the body was announced as ready for business.

The abstract of faith and rules of decorum were read by the Clerk. The Moderator called the names of each church; 10 answered to the call, then the Moderator appointed R. C. Barham, Y. M. Edward and N. T. Sikes as committee to arrange the program for each fifth Sunday Board meeting for the next associational year. Then the following reports were called for, and by motion, adopted as read and discussed:

# Report of Committee on Queries and Requests

We, your Committee on Queries and Requests, find no queries, but find three requests asking for the next association to be held with them, as follows: Remus, Good Hope and Fellowship. So we recommend that the next association be held with Fellowship Church, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1924.

Humbly subscribed,

W. H. WHINERY,
N. T. SIKES,
R. C. BARHAM, Committee.

### Report of Commtitee on State Missions

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to report as follows: We find there has only been \$10.09 sent up for State Missions. We, as Baptist people, ought to do more for the cause, for we should be doers of the word, as it is God's will. We owe it to God, for the great command was to go preach the word. Dear Brethren, let us do something for the cause of State Missions, for we see the great need of having the gospel preached in every part of Mississippi.

Humbly Submitted,

H. R. CLARK, J. R. CANNON, Committee.

### Report of Committee on Home Missions

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confter rom prisonment in Virginia for it, and persecution by the state church, which lasted more than half a century. God honored this noble passion of our spiritual foreparents to the need of our own day, so alike passionate for lost men and women, and for the growth of the new which is in Christ, so the Home Board is doing a great work and has been enlarged so that we need greater gifts from our churches to carry on the work that is so badly needed. There was last year over 1,100 missionaries who supplied about 3,200 churches under direction of the Home Board. These workers preached 170,440 sermons, made 235,990 regular visits, baptized 60,150, organized 300 churches, built and improved about 500 houses of worship and organized about 800 Sunday Schools.

Humbly submitted, W. T. SHARK,

Y. M. EDWARD,

C. C. WHITE, Committee.

#### Report of Committee on Foreign Missions

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following: The word foreign as applied to mission only designates that part of mission work carried on by Southern Baptists. There are over 3,000,000 white Baptists in the South, with about 13,000 ordained ministers. The Southern Baptists are doing work in 16 countries. There are about 700 in the foreign fields of labor, with membership of 75,250. Over 200 of these churches are self-supporting, 400 of them own their houses of worship. They gave last year about \$8.00 per member. We sent up last year in all a total of \$26.35. Our Master says, go preach the gospel to all nations.

Humbly submitted,

R. C. BARHAM.

#### Report of Committee on Orphans' Home

The Baptist Orphans' Home which was established 25 years ago has cared for more than 1,000 children, many of whom are now filling positions of honor in our state and other states. We have in the Orphans' Home now about 180 children, all of whom are in good health, and are being trained in many arts and vocations, preparing themselves for a useful life. Special attention is being given to their

meantal, moral and religious training. The Home is supported by the free gifts of good people of our state, so let us all help them. Humbly submitted,

R. C. BARHAM, Y. M. EDWARD, Committee.

# Report of Committee on Publication

We, your Committee on Publication, beg leave to report as follows: First, we urge you to read the Bible, for it tells us about Jesus and our duty, and that is what we ought to read to our children. We recommend the Baptist Record, which is our State Denomination Paper, which should go into every Baptist home in our State.

For Sunday School we recommend the Southern Baptist literature.

Humbly submitted,

C. A. JENNINGS, H. R. CLARK, Committee.

# Report of Committee on Prohibition

Ever since the Constitution of the United States was formed and adopted by the thirteen colonies, this nation, until recently, legalized the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. By untiring and continued effort the congress of this great republic proposed an amendment, which 44 states have ratified, sotpping the making and sale of all intoxicants. We are confronted by what is termed moonshiners, who defy the Constitution, authorities, both state and national, and continue to make and sell poisonous stuff to any customer who is fool enough to drink it.

It is the unquestioned duty of all Christian men and women to stand for law enforcement, stand for God, for home and native land. Show your colors—advise, pray and prosecute this devil's business that any white man ought to be ashamed of—can and must be stopped. Of all the engines of destruction that the devil has ever used to impair the progress of the Christian religion, to wreck society and to demoralize and ruin families, is alcohol, whisky, beer, wine, extracts of various names and character. To be a true Baptist every one who holds to the name must stand in the line of battle and fight to save the

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Respectfully submitted, T. J. FOWLER, W. E. LANE,

C. A. JENNINGS, Committee.

#### Report of Committee on Sunday Schools

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows: We notice that there has been very little interest taken in the Sunday School work, only one Church reported having a Sunday School.

Dear Brethren, the Lord demands of us to teach our children in the way that He would have them to go, and we can't teach them any better thing than a good Sunday School. We pray that every church in the Pearl Valley Association will wake up to the duty we owe to the rising generation.

Humbly submitted,

E. C. POPE,

R. C. BARHAM, Committee.

#### Report of Committee on Education

Man is made up of three segments—body, mind and spirit—all of which are capable of development. It is our Christian duty to develop these as far as possible. In this day when there is so much teaching of evolution, and so many isms in the land, it is our duty as Christians to place more stress upon Christian education than ever before. We have four Baptist colleges within the State, these are the Clark Memorial, for boys and girls, Blue Mountain, for girls, Mississippi College, for boys, and Woman's College, for girls.

We Baptist people need to send our boys and girls to these institutions that are based on the teachings and principles of Christ. So let's patronize, support and pray for the advancement of these schools that they might continue in their great work.

Humbly submitted.

W. E. LANE,

T. J. FOWLER, Committee.

### Report of Committee on Obituaries

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report as follows: We find that the death angel has taken from our midst two of our beloved sisters from Mt. Pleasant Church, Sister Ethel Atkinson and Sister

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Nonie Blackstock. We feel that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us since we met last year.

Humbly submitted,

W. H. WHINERY, S. J. COGHLAN, Committee.

### Report of Committee on Nominations

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We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows: That Brother E. L. Taylor preach the next introductory sermon, and Brother N. T. Sikes be his alternate, and Brother C. A. Jennings preach the enxt annual mission sermon, and Brother R. C. Barham be his alternate.

We recommend the following delegates to the executive board:
Remus, W. H. Whinery; Oak Grove, N. E. Lane County Line, S. J.
Coghlan; Mt. Olive, L. P. Beckham; Good Hope, J. R. Cannon; Heinze,
E. A. Tollison; Fellowship, Y. M. Edward; Mt. Pleasant, J. R. McGee;
Laurel Hill, G. M. Wücher; Mark Hill, F. M. Goalsby; Mineral Spring,
J. M. Barfield; East County Line, W. J. Taylor.

Humbly submitted,

W. T. SHARP, H. R. CLARK, H. L. BURCHFIELD, Committee.

# Report of Committee on Fifth Sunday Board

We, your Committee on Fifth Sunday Board, report as follows: First meeting of Board will be held at Good Hope Church, fifth Sunday, 29-30, of December, 1923. Introductory by R. C. Barham; alternate, N. T. Sikes. Subject to be discussed, "What Is the Duty of the Church," led by N. T. Sikes. Collection to be taken up for relief funds.

Second place of the fifth Sunday Board will meet at Remus Church, March 29-30. Introductory sermon by N. T. Sikes; alternate, E. L. Taylor. Subject for discussion, "Should Every Church Have a Sunday School, if so, why?" led by S. J. Coghlan.

Third meeting of the fifth Sunday Board will be held at Oak Grove Church, the 28th and 29th of June. Introductory sermon by Y. M. Edward. Subject for discussion, "Is the Present Missionary Method as Practiced by Some Baptist Associations Similar to Those of the Apostles and New Testament Church?" led by E. L. Taylor.

Fourth meeting of the fifth Sunday Board to be held at Hinze Church, August 30-31. Introductory sermon by T. J. Fowler. Subject for discussion, "Did Divinity Suffer on the Cross?" led by C. A. Jennings.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. BARHAM,
Y. M. EDWARD,
N. T. SIKES, Committee.

The Moderator called for the report on Finance, which was read by W. E. Lane, and by motion was adopted.

Call for reading of the minutes. They were read by the Clerk and

approved by the body.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people around Mineral Spring Church and community for those kindnesses showed us during our stay with them in this Association.

Resolved, That the Clerk have for for his services, \$25.00.

Resolved, That the Clerk send the money for the Orphans' Home to J. R. Carter, Jackson, Miss., which is \$14.95.

By motion of the body this association adjourns to meet with the good people at Fellowship Church, west of Philadelphia near Williamsville. So we hope and trust in the Lord for a continuance of his love, and mercy toward us that we may be spared to meet our beloved Brethren and Sisters on that day to worship our God in another association in spirit and in prayer.

ELDER E. L. TAYLOR, Moderator.

J. S. CLARK, Clerk and Treasurer.

#### Ordained Ministers and Address

F. L. TAYLOR	Noxapater, Miss.
R. C. BARHAM	TV 341 TV
N. T. SIKES	Neshoba, Miss., Rt. 1
Y. M. EDWARD	Philadelphia, Miss.
C. A. JENNINGS	McCool, Rt. 4
R. A. ALLEN	Edinburg, Rt, 2

#### Licentiates and Their Addresses

J. A.	NEIMAN		Rt.	1	
T. M	. RUSHING	Edinburg.	Rt.	2	

#### ABSTRACTS OF FAITH- PREAMBLE

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our Faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of Churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of unity among Churches of the same Faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, to-wit:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Ttestament were

given by the inspiration of God, and are the only true rules of faith and practice.

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- 3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity, in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.
- 4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling. And being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
- 5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man—that man Christ Jesus—who by the satisfaction He made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by His most precious blood become the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.
- 6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth, that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and has required all men to repent and obey.
- 7. We believe the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner inorder to be saved must be born again.
- 8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.
- 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

#### GOSPEL ORDER

- 1. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have been baptized upon a profession of Faith, and who have given themselves to the Lord and one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.
- 2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and lawgiver of His Church; that the government is with the body, the Church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the

Church until the second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by imposition of hands by a presbytery of regular Baptist mniisters.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism and that believers

in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regular baptized Church members

have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make public profession of Faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible Church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every Church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct or that holds

doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

#### OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION

This Association acknowledges and maintains that each Church
is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and
control its own affairs, and therefore, this Association has no right or
power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches
composing her body; but may withdraw from any church which may
hold false doctrine or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The obects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the Churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the Churches, and to remove them if possible; to give the Churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and in general, advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in

any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every Church or individual member of a Church, to support them according to their own views of duty and the dictates of their own conscience, and this right shall never be called in question in this Association, and any motion whereby this right is questioned shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when

convenient, with other religious bodies of the same Faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

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7. The Association may adourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all money which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the Churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Pearl Valley Baptist Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under Church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying to their appointment by their respective Churches, stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship and such other statistical matter as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office discharge the duties ordinarily incident to these offices.

5. If new Churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

 Fvery Church shall be allowed two delegates until her number shall exceed one hundred; three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. This Association shall neither answer nor debate any question on gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to

writing if required by a member, and shall be considered by the Association except it be withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

 Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes unless ordered at that time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the

vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege,

and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any

cuestion to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition. In case of a tie the Moderator shall cast the deciding vote.

16. Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, subject to

the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without

leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the Moderator as soon as the Association convenes on the second day.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

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We have examined the Treasurer's report and find same correct.

Humbly submitted,
W. E. LANE,
W. J. TAYLOR,
W. S. SIMS, Committee.

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